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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 29th, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: None.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments: Begins on page 2 of this paper.

Appendix: None.

Applicant believes that the filing of this paper is within one month after expiration of the allotted shortened statutory period for reply, and hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time. A draft in the amount of \$290 is enclosed for that extension and for the fee under 1.17(p) for the attached IDS. Should additional extensions and/or fees be due, please consider this a petition for an extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this patent application, and charge Deposit Account No. 50-1924 for any required fee deficiency.